

Lancaster Senior Citizen Center

Computer Tip No. 08

Removing a listing from the Add/Remove window

You deleted a program but it still shows up on your Add / Remove Programs list, and want to get rid of it. Trying to uninstall by the **Add / Remove** button won't work.

Before we go any further, messing with your registry is not for everyone and should only be attempted by advanced users. If any of the information below doesn't make sense to you, it's probably NOT a good idea to be trying this tip. So, do this only at your own risk. It's always a good idea to back up your registry before proceeding. See step 2

1. Go to the **Start** button, **Run**, Then type: **regedit**, and hit OK
2. Your registry editor should now be up and running.

Now is a good time to back up your registry. Hit **File** menu, **Export Registry**.

3. Now navigate to:
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Uninstall

4. Under this Uninstall folder, you'll see all the stuff that's listed on the **Add / Remove** programs list. Scroll down and Find the folder for the program that you do not want in the Add / Remove programs box, **right-click on the listing**, then select **Delete**

Going back to your **Add / Remove** programs area will find that program listing is gone.

BONUS TIP -

There's another use for this tip. If you have a program listed in the Add / Remove programs section that you DON'T ever want uninstalled, you can delete its folder from the Uninstall folder list mentioned above. That way, you (or someone else) won't accidentally remove it.

Don't worry. Deleting the folder won't remove the program, just its entry in the Add/Remove section of the Control Panel